## THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

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Please complete and return the following questionnaire for our reference file on Cleveland Artists.

FULL NAME: Mark L. Hornyak

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 9/30/47 Barberton, Ohio

PRIMARY MEDIA Painting/collage

ART TRAINING - Schools, Scholarships, etc.:

B. S. in Art Education: Kent State University, 1969 M. A. in Painting: Kent State University, 1972

#### EXHIBITIONS IN WHICH YOUR WORK HAS BEEN SHOWN:

Women's City Club Gallery; Cleveland, Ohio
Dobama Theater Gallery; Cleveland, Ohio
Nova Drawing and Print Show; Cleveland, Ohio
Baycrafters; Bay village, Ohio
Kent State University Student Center Gallery, Kent, Ohio
Stan Hywet Hall, Akron, Ohio
Cascade Plaza, Akron, Ohio

#### COLLECTIONS WHICH NOW INCLUDE YOUR WORK:

Numerous private collections across the United States.

AWARDS:

PRESENT POSITION: Artist, also in the employment of a small regional gallery and framing service.

We would appreciate any information regarding subsequent awards, purchases, exhibitions and scholarships. Thank you for your cooperation.

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#### Biography

A native of Northern Ohio, Mark L. Hornyak's undergraduate studies in art were completed at Kent State University in nineteen sixty-nine. After two years of public school teaching, a return to Kent State in nineteen seventy-one earned him a Master of Arts degree in painting.

Seeded by employment with the University Galleries during graduate studies, continued interest in the art environment developed into associations with various art galleries and institutions, eventually leading to the establishment of The M. L. Hornyak Studios & Gallery, Kent, Ohio, in nineteen seventy-nine.

Since relocating to the Cleveland area in nineteen eighty-three, M. L. Hornyak works out of his home studio in Willowick. The continued production and development of his art has resulted in the placement of his drawings, paintings, wood pieces and collage into numerous galleries and exhibitions throughout Northern Ohio, and into private collections across the country.

#### Selected Exhibitions and Galleries

1985 May Show, Cleveland Museum of Art; Cleveland, Ohio Women's City Club Gallery, 1985; Cleveland, Ohio Dobama Theater Gallery; Cleveland, Ohio Nova Drawing and Print Show; Cleveland, Ohio Baycrafters; Bay Village, Ohio Kent State University Student Center Gallery; Kent, Ohio Stan Hywet Hall; Akron, Ohio The Duncan Gallery; Hudson, Ohio Barton Galleries, Ltd.; Akron, Ohio The Drawing Room Gallery; Peninsula, Ohio Vance Glass Works; Peninsula, Ohio The M. L. Hornyak Studios & Gallery; Kent, Ohio

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#### Artist's Statement

"From the flat, two-dimensional surface, entrances into time and space...not so much an expression of the answer, more, a love of the search."

M. L. Hornyak

The process by which my paintings and collages are created is indeed one of search and exploration. The boundaries of the paper provide entry, the play of color, tone and texture provide the potential energy from which visual movement occurs; the journey begins, a continual search for the regions of meaning, balance, reason, the primal environments from which ideas and dreams are born.

I cannot escape the feeling that the metaphysical landscapes represented in my works have existed long before I sighted them within the surfaces of paper. Like the archaeologist, I seek to find those segments of knowledge, scale and purpose that seem to beckon from somewhere in space and time.

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